

2017 January, 14th Lunch and Toy Train Trip

A nice Saturday trip to CJ's Brewing Company at 815 Richardson Road in Commerce Township was set up by Sue and Don Connors. It was great to see some of the Club Members braving the long winter lay over that is typical of Michigan's winter. Here are some of the lunch pictures:



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After lunch we visited the Chi Town Union Station Toy Train display at 8275 Cooley Lake Road in Commerce Township a few miles North of the Restaurant. This place is a must see if you have any interest in toy trains:



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The electronics that run this place are amazing. Up to twenty five trains (25) can be simultaneously controlled by one very large computer and associated electronics system. The signals are coded so that each train only receives its own intended signal (from the common rails) and none of the 25 trains crash into each other??!! Each train engine is custom built to adapt to the electronics ... no store bought engines in this display.

One of these trains was a coal train with 111 cars and three engines. You have to see this toy train operation in person to believe it. This train club is very dedicated and talented ... the detail level of both the trains and the scenery is quite impressive. The size of the layout takes up the whole area of this former medium size drug store building.

Once again, Louise Magaw took the pictures so she is missing in action on the picture display. Thanks Louise! And great trip planning Sue and Don, this was a very enjoyable trip!

Our next breakfast trip is Saturday February 11th check the details on our web site. Hope to see more of you in attendance for our next trip ... this is a great way to bridge the winter doldrums as we wait for the Spring Dust Off and a chance to drive our cherished Fieros.

All the Best / *Roger Fagnani*